Merit of Medicines for permission

1793. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drug Control Authority ensures that a particular medicine is hazardous or banned in developed countries, before permitting its production and sale in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of medicines examined from this angle and banned during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Yes. Before permitting introduction of a new drug in the country, information regarding the status of the drug in developed countries, i.e., banned|withdrawn are taken into consideration.

(c) Although applications of the following new drugs were received for marketing permission, they were not approved for marketing on the ground that these drugs were banned in some of the developed countries:—

1. Triazolam
2. Alolofenac
3. Chlormadinon
4. Tienilic Acid
5. Benexaprofen.
6. Zimeldine
7. Indoprofen
8. Feprazone
9. Nitrofazole
10. Zomepimac
11. Molsidamine
12. Nomifensine
13. Fencamfamin
14. Suprofen

Air-India Flights to South East Asia

1794. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has started more flights to South East Asia recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As against the earlier four flights per week, effective 2nd January, 1987 Air India has started operating a total of nine flights per week to/through Singapore.

Master Plan for ports

1795. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any master Plan for Ports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The master Plans for the Ports are prepared by the respective Port Trusts, keeping in view the projected requirements for future.

Site for Meerut Airport

1796. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that site acquired for the construction of proposed airport in Meerut district of U.P. has been found to be in a birdhit prone area and otherwise also unsuitable for take off and landing; and

(b) if so, whether Government have selected any other alternate site for the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct an airport in Meerut District. Government are not aware of any proceedings to acquire land for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

Karur to Dindigul Broad Gauge line

1797. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the Karur to Dindigul Broad guage conversion work will be completed; and

(b) what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Its completion will depend on availability of resources for New Lines in the coming years.

(b) Its progress is commensurate with the availability of funds.

Typists in Railways

1798. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the category of Typists in the Railways falls within the Clerical Cadre viz. ministerial staff on Railways for all intents and purposes;

(b) whether this category of Typists has not been equated at par with recent restructuring of clerical cadre w.e.f. 1st January, 1984 under revised promotional percentage fixed by the Railways Board; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Clerks and Typists form two distinct cadres with differences in recruitment qualifications, duties and responsibilities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The category of Typists has not been granted similar percentage structure as for Ministerial Staff (Clerical Cadre) in view of the distinct difference in the nature of duties and responsibilities .

CGHS facilities to the pensioners

1799. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.G.H.S. facilities are being extended to all pensioners;

(b) whether Nursing Home facilities are being denied to Government officers, otherwise eligible, who opted for ICAR Service in 1965; or so;

(c) if so, the number of officers who are affected by such refusal; and

(d) whether immediate corrective steps will be taken and such gross injustice revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. CGHS facilities have been extended to all Central Government Pensioners residing in areas covered by the Scheme.

(b) to (d) At present all officers/ pensioners of Semi-Government/autonomous organisations covered under the scheme including optees in ICAR are eligible for admission to general ward due to acute shortage of Nursing Home facilities.